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IMPORTANT MOVEMENT IN VERMONT IN FAVOR OF UNI- VERSAL PEACE.

To Editors of Newspapers in Vt.:

GENTLEMEN:—Having been ap-
pointed at a late meeting of the Friends
of Peace, a Committee to circulate
memorials to the Federal Government

in favor of the establishment of an In-
ternational Judiciary, empowered to
settle all disputes or claims without
recourse to war, we have performed this
duty, by placing memorials in every
town in the county of Rutland, Ben-
nington, and Windham. The favorable
manner in which these memorials have
been received has far surpassed our
expectations. Upwards of two thou-
sand names have already been signed,
and there can be little doubt that the
list will not fall far short of three thou-
sand, for these three counties alone.

Encouraged by such flattering suc-
cess, we are now having printed a suc-
cession of memorials for the whole
State, and shall lose no time in for-
warding them to every town not already
supplied. Meanwhile it is in your
power greatly to aid the movement by
a favorable editorial notice, and by the
insertion of this letter and the follow-
ing Circular in your next publication.

THOS. H. PALMER,
SIMON GILBERT,
S. W. BOARDMAN,
Peace Committee.

CIRCULAR.

Whereas Memorials have been cir-
culated in Vermont, requesting the Fed-
eral Government to propose to every
nation with whom we have intercourse
the establishment of a Board with
power to settle judicially all interna-
tional disputes or claims, and whereas
said memorials have met with such fa-
vorable acceptance as to be signed by
nearly every one to whom they have
been presented.

And whereas it is desirable that a
movement like this should not be con-
fined to a single corner of Vermont, but
that the whole State should speak with
one voice at Washington on this im-
portant topic, and with that view it
has been determined to circulate the
same memorial in every town, and col-
lect all the names into one paper as the
VOICE OF VERMONT. Therefore,

We the undersigned, deeply im-
pressed with the absurdity, and atrocity,
and the anti-Christian tendency of
war, and with the wisdom and propi-
ety of settling National, on the same
principle as individual, differences, do
respectfully request, that all gentlemen
whose hands these Memorials may be
placed, will use their utmost exertions
to have them signed as extensively
as possible.

Postmasters generally are requested
to receive the memorial, and, after pro-
viding as many signatures as practica-
ble, to hand them for further action to
the clergy of the place, or such other
persons as may be designated, and,
when signed, to return them to the
Chairman of the Committee.

Ministers of the Gospel are request-
ed, after placing the Memorials in ac-
tive hands, to notice the effort from the
pulpit, and urge the propriety of speedy
general action.

Philanthropists of all descriptions
are invited to co-operate in a good
work, which, we hope, will not only
prove useful in its direct effect on gov-
ernments, but be indirectly beneficial
in correcting public sentiment on this
important subject, by exciting
thought and inquiry among the signers.

Signed by

MIDDLEBURY.—Rev. Thos. A. Mer-
rill, D. D., Rev. B. Labaree, D. D.,
President of Middlebury College, B. D.
C. Robbins, Professor of Languages.

W. Slade, Esq., Late Gov. of Vt.
Horace Eaton, Esq., Late Gov. of N. H.

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Meeker, Hon. Peter Starr, Rev. J.
Mulchaney.

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Late member of Congress, Hon. Geo.
T. Hodges, Ch. K. Williams, L. L. D.,
Late Chief Justice of the Supreme
Court.

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Rev. H. I. Parker, Rev. John H.
Hopkins, D. D., Episcopal Bishop of

Vermont, Rev. B. W. Smith, Rev.
J. W. Worcester.

WINDSOR.—His Excellency Carlos
Coolidge, Gov. of Vt.

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John Gates, Esq., L. L. Dutcher, Esq.,
Rev. Ebenezer Cutler, H. L. Beards-
ley, Esq., A. Houghton, Esq.

ST. JOHNSBURY.—Hon. J. P. Fair-
banks.

Editors throughout the Union
in favor of Peace will probably aid the
cause in their respective States, by in-
serting the above and noticing the ef-
fort in their leading columns. Three
memorials are in circulation, viz: to the
President, and to each House of Con-
gress. The following is the memorial
to the President. The others only dif-
fer by desiring that a Joint Resolution
be passed, requesting the President
to propose, &c.

To the President of the U. S. States:

The undersigned, legal voters in Vt.,
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laid, he made a speech for the clear-
ing of his innocence with such solemn
and serious expressions as won the ad-
miration of all present. His prayer,
(which he concluded by repeating the
Lord's prayer) was so well worded, and
uttered with such composure, and
such (at least seeming) fervency of
spirit as was very affecting, and drew
tears from many, (so that it seemed to
some that the spectators would prevent
his execution.) The accusers said the
Black Man stood and dictated to him.

As soon as he was turned off, Mr.
Cotton Mather, being mounted upon a
horse, addressed himself to the people,
partly to declare that he was no ordi-
nary minister, and partly to possess the
people of his guilt, saying that the
Devil had often been transformed into
an Angel of Light, and this did some-
what appease the people, and the exe-
cutions went on. When he was cut
down he was dragged by the halter to
a hole or grave between the rocks, a-
bout two feet deep, his shirt and breech
being pulled off, and an old pair of
trousers of one executed put on his
lower parts; he was so put in, together
with Willard and Carryer; one of his
hands and his chin, and a foot of one
of them being uncovered.—*Post Trans-
cript, 29.*

PEASANT LIFE IN GERMANY.

The moral, intellectual, and physical
condition of the peasants and operatives
of Prussia, Saxony, and other parts of
Germany, of Holland, and of the protest-
ant cantons of Switzerland, and the
social condition of the peasants in the
greater part of France, is very much
higher and happier, and very much
more satisfactory, than that of the peas-
ants and operatives of England; the
condition of the poor in the North Ger-
man, Swiss and Dutch towns, is as re-
markable a contrast to that of the poor
of the English towns as can well be
imagined; and the condition of the
poorer classes of Germany, Switzer-
land, Holland, and France is rapidly
improving. The great superiority of
the preparation for life which a poor
man receives in those countries I have
mentioned, to that which a peasant or
operative receives in England, and the
difference of the social position of a
poor man in those countries to that of
a peasant or operative in England seems
sufficient to explain the difference
which exists between the moral and
social condition of the poor of our own
country and of the other countries I
have named. In Germany, Holland,
and Switzerland, a child begins its life
in the society of parents who have been
educated and brought up for years in
the company of teachers and gentle-
men, professors, and in the society and
direction of a father who has been
exercised in military arts, and who
has acquired the bearing, the clean
and orderly habits, and the taste for
respectable attire, which characterize
the soldier. The children of these
countries spend the first six years of
their lives in homes which are well
regulated. They are during this time
accustomed to orderly habits, to neat
and clean clothes, and to ideas of the
value of instruction, of the respect due
to the teachers, and of the excellence
of the schools, by parents who have, by
their training in early life, acquired
such tastes and ideas themselves. Each
child at the age of six begins to
attend a school, which is perfectly clean,
well ventilated, directed by an able and
well-educated gentleman, and superin-
tended by the religious ministers and
by the inspectors of the Government.
Until the completion of its fourteenth
year, each child continues regular daily
attendance at one of these schools, daily